

The Commission also sponsors awareness programmes including legal literacy programmes, which include awareness on the issue of dowry.

Since denial of the share of family property to the girls is one of the causes for the demand for dowry, the Department of Women and Child Development has written to all State Governments/UT Administrations requesting them, inter alia, to amend Section 6 of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956, with a view to render coparcenary rights in a coparcenary property for the daughter of a coparcener in a Joint Hindu Family governed by Mitakshara Laws on par with their male counterparts. This would raise the status of girls and women in society and help in preventing the social evil of dowry. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra have amended Section 6 of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956 to give women rights over family property.

Central assistance to MP for modernisation of Police force

***2531. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to make three times increase in Central assistance for modernising the Police Force of Madhya Pradesh, the largest State of India; and

(b) if so, by when appropriate action is likely to be initiated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The annual allocation to the Government of Madhya Pradesh under the Non-plan Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces, has been increased from Rs. 237.82 lakhs in 1998-99 to Rs. 792.72 lakhs during the current financial year 2000-2001. Out of the annual allocation of Rs. 792.72 lakhs for the current financial year, 2000-2001, the first instalment of

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Rs. 396.36 lakhs has already been released. The second instalment of Rs. 396.36 lakhs would be released on receipt of complete utilisation certificate for an amount of Rs. 846.36 lakhs released during the previous financial year, 1999-2000. The same is still awaited from the State Government.

**Maintenance of permanent register to
check infiltration**

2532. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any permanent register is being maintained for the citizens of the country to check infiltration in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) No, sir. However, a proposal for compulsory registration of all citizens in the country and issuing them Multi-Purpose National Identity Cards (MNICs) has been under consideration in this Ministry.

Law to tackle refugee problem

2533. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "No law to tackle refugee problem" as reported in the "Hindustan Times" dated the 31st July, 2000;

(b) if so, whether population of refugees is increasing in the country and in the absence of any law, Government are finding it difficult to deal with the problem; and